

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP  
\*\*\*APPROVED MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2014\*\*\***

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 6, 2014** at Boulevard Fire Station Equipment Bay

**A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):**

- Members present: **1)** Robert Maupin **3)** Chris Noland; **4)** Donna Tisdale; **5)** Michele Strand; **7)** Jeffrey McKiernan
- **2) VACANT 6) VACANT**
- Chair announced that seat 2 is now vacant and open for application to registered voters living within the Boulevard Planning Area; Contact the Chair for applications. One applicant has applied for vacant Seat 6.
- Chair reminded everyone that this was a formal planning group meeting and asked everyone to remain civil and respect the rights of others' opinions.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**C. APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7TH MEETING:**

- Jim Whalen had one correction that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bullets on page 1 were duplicated.
- Patrick Brown had one correction on page 6 that he went to work for Soitec, not Dudek.
- McKernan's name was spelled wrong.

**M/S: Noland/McKernan: Approve January 3rd minutes with corrections: Passed 5-0-0**

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Linda Shannon requested speed limit signs be installed on Ribbonwood Road.
- Chair asked Linda to send an email requesting this item be put on the agenda for the next meeting, for action, and then it will be forwarded to the Traffic Advisory Committee for action.

**E. ACTION ITEMS (some items taken out of order upon consensus):**

**1. COLIO PERMIT APPLICATION FOR IRRIGATION WELL PDS2013-AD-13-047:**

- Mr. Colio has owned his Tierra Heights property for about 10 years; he and his family live in El Centro.
- He wants to plant some trees and grapes (or other fruit).
- Chair asked if Colio had spoken to neighbors or if he knew of any concerns.
- One house is vacant and the one below doesn't mind.
- Community members raised concerns regarding how much water would be needed to sustain the proposed vineyard/agricultural use.
- Chair asked County groundwater geologist, Jim Bennett, if this was an allowed use on vacant property and if there is a limit on how much water can be drawn.
- Bennett responded that once the permits are granted, there is no limit.
- Another community member brought up that sometimes folks bring a trailer up and hookup to the well illegally. Colio stated he would not do that.
- Strand asked if there was going to be an automatic (or timed) watering system, and if so, what precautions would be taken if an irrigation line broke. Colio responded that he would fill the tank and water from there.
- Noland asked what size tank he was installing, and what type of trees/vineyards he was planning to plant. Response was inaudible. Colio responded: 2,000 gallon tank
- Chair asked if this was a specific type of permit that only allowed for irrigation (not dwelling use).

- Bennett responded that since the lot is zoned residential, the owner could use the well for that purpose, and could apply for additional permits down the road.
- Another community member stressed the importance of not wasting water.
- **M/S: McKernan/Maupin: BPG support Colio's application: Passed 5-0-0**

#### **PRESENTATION BY COUNTY STAFF ON SOITEC PROJECTS:**

- Bob Maupin recused himself and took a seat with the other members of the public, disclosing that he lives immediately adjacent to the proposed Soitec Tierra del Sol project.
- Present were SD County Planners Robert Hingtgen, Ashley Gungle, and Mindy Fogg. Jim Bennett and Donna Beddow were also present.
- Soitec's Mike Armstrong and Patrick Brown were present along with Dudek's Megan Lawson (environmental planner), Brock Ortega (Principal/Senior Wildlife Biologist) and Michael Huff (Fire Protection & Urban Forestry).
- County staff gave a Power Point presentation summarizing the proposed Soitec Solar Development Draft PEIR, project analyses and proposed mitigation measures.
- A community member asked if they thought the community of Boulevard has value. Hingtgen responded every community has value.
- Hingtgen suggested that everyone write comments and bring up their complaints. Chair reminded everyone the deadline was two weeks away.
- Chair agreed that the Draft PEIR's Project Description does not accurately describe or portray the important resources or value of the Boulevard community or the extremely close proximity of project neighbors.
- Community member asked if there are any financial contingencies for our wells going dry. 30 million gallons estimate for ECO, now it's almost 100 million.
- There are NO financial contingencies.
- The Chair reported that ground water monitoring just restarted. Contact Jim Bennett if you want your well included. Monitoring should be conducted by the County or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, *not by Soitec or Dudek*.
- A Jacumba Hot Springs resident complained about Jacumba selling water for this project. Chair informed him that as a ratepayer, they have the power to elect the members of the Water Board and if you don't like their actions, you should be able to recall them.
- Chair reminded everyone that they need to attend the public Soitec hearings in town to be seen and to let the decision makers know that you care.
- A community member commented how unbalanced it seems that the applicant hires and pays for the environmental reports. It is a skeptical situation.
- Another community member has called every Supervisor for the County except Greg Cox. Their response was that not enough people are speaking up.
- Don't be a hothead. Be nice. Get your facts straight. Water and Fire are the main issues.
- Infrastructure Finance District legislation is coming. Chair's opinion is it won't help the community, but it will help the developers. Be aware! They will move property taxes around within the planning area as their Board sees fit—their goal is to repeal the required vote of impacted property owners.
- Another community member brought up concerns about traffic accidents, increased traffic, and road damage.
- Will some of the permit fees be used to pave the road or install additional water tanks if the wells run dry?
- Where does the permit money go?

- Chair reported taking County staff around Boulevard, today, to show them the substandard roads, ECO substation damage, TDS narrow road, no site lines, one way in and one way out roads, proximity of neighbors.
- Many community members expressed outrage at the proposed projects in general.
- Chair suggested that long term well monitoring should be paid for by the applicant.
- In the TDS area, zoned 1 dwelling unit per 80 acres, the amount of water to be used during construction is equal to that of 100 homes, and ongoing long-term use would be equal to 12 homes.
- Are there any benefits for Boulevard with these projects?
- Hingtgen stated that *the benefits are BEYOND this community*.
- Boulevard is a sacrificial lamb.
- One community member complained that his property was trespassed on to obtain a soil sample for the DEIR, without permission. Chair advised him to put it in writing for the comments.
- Yet another community member voiced concerns about water, property values, traffic on a private easement road, etc.
- Renewable energy industry is heavily subsidized. 30% income tax credit. Sales and use tax exclusion, accelerated depreciation, investment tax credits, and more.
- How does the 501c3 status of Water Stone Support Foundation affect the projects / Soitec?
- Chair asked if equipment is delivered to the site, is it taxable or non-taxable?
- Patrick Brown responded that lots of things are taxable.
- Patrick Brown said it's not the underlying land owner, but the project. He confirmed that any equipment that gets delivered there will be taxed. He said it has to be received in the unincorporated area, not AZ then shipped over. There has to be a special agreement or special condition.
- A comment letter from Marty Kennell, owner of Well Done Pump Service & Supply Inc., was read aloud.
- Kennell's letter stated that he has three decades of "hands on experience" and the majority of his current service calls result in booster pumps, pump savers, and large water tanks due to water shortages or increased depth to water.
- Kennell ended his letter by stating that the much of what Soitec alleges will not affect the residents is just the opposite of what he has found to be fact, and that, based on his experience, Soitec solar projects will have a detrimental effect on water supply, usage and potability
- Bob Maupin asked about the AG Preserve on Soitec's TDS Solar project.
- The Applicant has applied to remove the AG Preserve on that portion of the property.
- A comment was made that corruption was involved, and land use restrictions that have been in place for decades are now being removed/changed to accommodate industrialization.
- One community member asked Soitec exactly how many local Boulevard residents are in the plan for jobs.
- Soitec responded that NO local people are employed currently, in this planning stage of the project.
- The Chair asked if anyone was aware of any local residents working on SDG&E's current ECO substation project construction.
- The response was NO.
- The Chair stated that East County Chamber, East County Economic Development Council, hold job fairs in East County.
- According to their websites, those organizations don't represent areas east of El Cajon, Santee or Alpine.
- That is one of Boulevard's concerns. Even though we are in East County, some people testify as East County residents when they actually live and work in La Mesa or El Cajon—not in our impacted rural communities.

- This is a Programmatic EIR as requested by Soitec. In Chair's opinion, these are dangerous. Other projects can just tie in to the PEIR, later.
- Processing two permits now. TDS and Rugged Solar. Lan East and West are not up for approval or denial at this time. They could coat tail on to the PEIR, later. A project can get denied initially, then come back years later in a different variation and get approved.
- Chair reminded that these projects are tied to Federal incentives. If the incentives go away, the projects will likely go away, too.
- More questions about taxes. One time exclusion for solar installations. Residential and utility scale get the same tax free benefit.
- A community member brought up the glare issue. His house is nearby, but is not included in project study for glare.
- A prospective home buyer shared concerns about the water and property values, and ability to resell.
- The Chair stated that these projects amend our community plan and override considerations on all significant impacts.
- Howard Cook brought up Table 1-6, 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, construction water demand by project, lists the activities.
- Cook stated that the Draft PEIR water demand estimate does not seem to include project components listed in Table 1-8, that are not included in Table 1-6: water needed for road construction; fencing of projects; project substations; cement making and rock crushing; O & M buildings, trenching for the underground gen tie line.
- The ECO substation Water Supply change order shows over 3x water used as estimated (from 30 million gallons estimated in FEIR to 90 million gallons in CPUC approved Amended Water Supply Plan).
- Cook commented that if ECO Substation, at 100 acres, requires 100 million gallons of water, then Soitec's projects, at 1,500 acres, may require 1.5 billion gallons, based on similar soil and terrain.
- It was stated that maximum pumping thresholds will be used.
- Jim Bennett stated he did not have the information to respond and promised to get back to Howard Cook the following week regarding the miscalculations.
- Bennett also stated that Cook's comments were very effective and they should be submitted in writing.
- The Chair stated that cumulative groundwater and other impacts from multiple projects are a major concern.
- A community member asked if Soitec owned all of the property that these projects are slated for.
- There are multiple owners.
- In response to repeated questions from the Chair, Soitec's Patrick Brown responded that the Alexander Haagen family, who owns the Empire Ranch (site of Soitec's Los Robles Alternative site), had approved the potential for the project, confirming that they are in the loop.
- Bill Hopkins, Boulevard resident adjacent to Soitec's LanEast site, said that some of his 500 year old oak trees in Pine Valley have died, he believes in part due to Pine Valley Water District selling water and lowering the water table.
- Is Soitec willing to guarantee property values? NO.
- The Chair showed Mr. Mike Armstrong, of Soitec, the pictures she took at Soitec's 1.5 MW Newberry Solar 1 project in Newberry Springs, east of Barstow (displayed on a large foam board for public review and dated Aug 20-Dec 27 2013).

- The Chair stated that at a recent Planning Commission hearing (1-24-14), Armstrong had publicly claimed that Newberry Springs was a Test Site. However, there is no documentation or any evidence that it is a Test Site.
- The Chair asked Armstrong to explain that.
- Initially, Armstrong attempted to avoid answering any questions about the Newberry Springs project, stating that the Newberry site was not relevant.
- The Chair pointed out that the Newberry site and operation questions are relevant to the reliability of the product they are selling.
- If Newberry is considered a Test Site, then what is Soitec basing the reliability of the Boulevard projects on that they are proposing?
- The Chair again pointed out that Armstrong testified in front of the Planning Commission (1-24-14) that Newberry Springs is a Test Site where Soitec is constantly changing out inverters and trackers and other components.
- Armstrong replied, "Donna, that is a correct statement. It is a Test Site; it does evaluate the technology, we run two different types of drives, we have two different types of trackers. We have several different types of inverters. The site is also a money-maker for us. It is connected to the SCE, but again, that is not part of the CEQA process for this particular project."
- The Chair replied that Soitec is selling this project for increased RELIABILITY.
- Armstrong replied, "No, we're not. No we're not".
- The Chair then asked Armstrong, "What are the "Objectives" of the project?"
- County staff looked up the Objectives and handed the binder to the Chair.
- The Chair then read the Project Objective (#2): To "Create utility scale solar energy in-basin to Improve reliability for the San Diego Region by Providing a source of local generation", and repeated, "RELIABILITY"
- The Chair reported that she looked through the San Bernardino County documents and did not see anywhere where the Newberry site was described or promoted as a Test Site.
- The Chair reported asking adjacent neighbors who said it was never promoted as a Test Site.
- The Chair did note that the Conditional Use Permit includes three different sized Soitec CPV modules were to be used, but the Newberry site only includes one type and size of module, based on her own visual observation and research.
- She asked Armstrong if that was true. He replied, "No, it has two different types of modules".
- Then the Chair asked why it was promoted in Soitec's Fact Sheet as using only one type of module.
- Patrick Brown asked to clarify if she was questioning the system height. The Chair said she was talking about the actual Model of CPV module.
- Patrick Brown clarified the M5 is the newest model that is at Newberry Springs site. He said, "It's a Demonstration Site, just like any other company in the world has a demonstration site."
- The Chair asked. "What will the Boulevard project be?"
- Patrick Brown answered, "Bankable Technology". Mr. Brown added that there is no bank out there in the world that is going to give \$400 million dollars on a project that doesn't work and is not proven. And if it doesn't work and it doesn't prove, then the project won't happen.
- The Chair then asked if Newberry was going through a test process now for the potential buyers.
- Brown answered, "No, we do all different types and we change the technology".
- The Chair surmised that is was because they are not working, not because it is a test site.
- Brown then made an analogy to the Model "T" car not driving down the road today.

- The Chair responded that the Model “T” isn’t being built or proposed in our community, “These experimental trackers *are* being proposed for our community”.
- The Chair then pointed out that Soitec wants to avoid discussing the Newberry Springs project and that they appeared to have had the Planning Commission prepped to avoid talking about it during the Ocotillo Wells Solar project hearing, where she spoke out, and showed a power point with photographs.
- Patrick Brown said that Newberry is irrelevant to the current CEQA documents.
- The Chair disagreed and asked the audience if any of them thought it was irrelevant. They responded with a resounding, “NO”.
- Patrick Brown responded, “Last time I looked, in December 2013, we are here for *this* CEQA.”
- Brown went on to say they were here for *this* project, *this* EIR, *this* scoping, and *these* comments only.
- The Chair responded that she went to *that* community to find out what Soitec was doing in *that* community because she believes *that* is representative of what is being proposed *here*.
- She asked him, “Are you saying it’s different?” Brown replied, “Absolutely.”
- The Chair asked if Soitec was going to do things differently here in Boulevard.
- Brown replied to the Chair, “Absolutely. When you took these pictures this plant was still under construction.”
- The Chair exclaimed, “No, No, you announced it; that it was finished in July. I went in August and December because you had announcements; press releases; you had a groundbreaking.”
- Brown said that the project went commercial operational in January.
- The Chair objected, stating that Soitec had told the County, in an e-mail message, that it went commercial in December, but announced to others that it went commercial in July.
- The Chair reported that she has done research and has evidence of this.
- Brown replied that this is not a Q&A on the Newberry Springs project.
- The Chair clarified that it is a Q&A on Soitec and asked, “What else do we have to go by? La Questa? La Questa is a different CPV module. These are the modules you’re promoting.”
- Brown responded that a few months from now Soitec’s Borrego Springs project is supposed to start construction.
- The Chair said she thinks the Boulevard projects should wait until the Borrego project (Desert Green) is built and operational—for comparison. So far, all they have now is a so-called test facility.
- She then asked if the test results from their test facility would be provided publicly.
- Brown responded that it is not a test facility, but a demonstration site.
- The Chair corrected him that Armstrong, himself, called it a Test Site while Brown called it a demo site and said that she could not see there was a difference.
- A community member interjected that he had called Soitec and asked how often the trackers would have to be washed and was told that they could not tell him because they need experience to know, and they have no experience yet.
- Since the County does not have the resources to write these reports themselves, consultants are hired by the applicant to do so, then the County reviews the information.
- Wells went dry in Poway, after City review and approval of a Dudek report.
- Howard Cook stated that Soitec already received a \$25 million grant to build the Rancho Bernardo facility.
- An audience member said that the dust in Borrego has increased substantially and despite promises by the developer, to do something, it is still unbearable.

- The Chair said that Imperial County Air Pollution Control has received complaints from Borrego residents and submitted a comment letter on the Ocotillo Wells Solar project, stating such.
- Noland (a geologist by trade) asked County Geologist about the draw down.
- Why was a 19.9 feet draw down deemed acceptable when 20 feet would have not been?
- Noland asked if isotope was used to determine age of water. Bennett responded: NO

**ACTION: M/S: Noland/McKernan: Approve Draft proposed Action/motion for Soitec Solar Draft PEIR: Passed 4-0-1 (Maupin recused himself)**

**2. DRAFT REVISED BOULEVARD NEEDS AND MITIGATION LIST; ACTION:**

- McKernan requested addition of foam fire fighting apparatus and training needed to fight electrical fires.
- Jim Whalen stated that he would prefer a numbered list (in order of importance), on an Excel spreadsheet.
- Chair responded that probably wouldn't work because there are too many items of equal importance, and they were not prepared to do that now.

**ACTION: M/S:NOLAND/MAUPIN: Accept the revised Boulevard Needs List with McKernan's added item. Passed: 5-0-0**

**3. REQUEST TO ENDORSE REPORT BY DR. V.M. PONCE ENTITLED "IMPACTS OF SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS ON BOULEVARD AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES"; ACTION:**

- The Chair reported that a copy of Dr Ponce report was available for review. The report recommends using imported water only. The report is also posted on Dr. Ponce's SDSU website here:  
<http://www.ponce.sdsu.edu/boulevardsoitec.html>

**ACTION: M/S: MCKERNAN/NOLAND: To endorse Dr. Ponce's report. Passed: 5-0-0**

**4. APPLICATION FOR VACANT SEAT ON PLANNING GROUP FROM PAULA BYRD; ACTION:**

- Boulevard resident Paula Byrd spoke of her and her husband's love of horses, trail riding, and the fresh country air. She wants to keep Boulevard clean and safe.
- Paula is a retired financial planner and her husband works for Granite Construction.
- They bought in Boulevard eight years ago. They love their ranch and peace and tranquility that Boulevard offers. They want to keep it that way.
- She wants to support work of current Planning Group members
- Chair reported that the Registrar of Voters had confirmed that Paula is a registered voter and eligible to serve on the Boulevard Planning Group.

**ACTION: M/S: STRAND/NOLAND: Accept Paula Byrd's application. Passed: 5-0-0**

**5. SDG&E MASTER SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR \$418.5M PROJECT– INCLUDING LINES IN THE CRESTWOOD-MILLER VALLEY AREA: FEB 5<sup>TH</sup> CPUC PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE IN ALPINE & FEB 19<sup>TH</sup> SUPPLEMENTAL SCOPING NOTICE FOR JOINT CPUC AND CLEVAND NATIONAL FOREST REVIEW; ACTION:**

- This project is being sold as a "fire hardening" project, yet there are serious questions about whether it will increase carrying capacity and accommodate some of these proposed public projects.
- There are cheaper and better alternatives and they have not proven this is the most cost effective way to improve fire safety.
- Dudek is the preparer of that EIR as well.

- The CPUC/ USFS will hold a prehearing conference at 1:30 PM at Alpine Community Center (Oak Room), 1830 Alpine Blvd, to determine if evidentiary hearings are necessary.
- A supplemental scoping meeting will be held February 19<sup>th</sup> in the same location from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The project route map is posted here:  
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/ProjectLocationMap.pdf> Supplemental scoping comments are due March 7, 2014, send to: [cnfmsup@dudek.com](mailto:cnfmsup@dudek.com).
- The MSUP documents are posted here: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/CNF.htm>.

**ACTION:M/S:MCKERNAN/NOLAND: To give the Chair permission and approval to submit comments and act on behalf of the group at the next hearing in Alpine on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Passed: 5-0-0**

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:** Announcements; correspondence; discussion items; project updates

**1. Revitalization Report:**

- Tammy Daubach displayed posters and flyers for the Jacumba Hot Springs Centennial.
- [www.jacumbahotspringscentennial.org](http://www.jacumbahotspringscentennial.org)
- SDG&E is offering an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) class.
- Sacred Rocks RV park is now called The Oaks
- Jacumba Hot Springs has recycling on Sunday mornings from 9:00-12:00 and Wednesdays from 9:00-2:00 at the Highlands Center, proceeds go to Boulevard/Jacumba Revitalization Committee.
- Application has been submitted for the Great Neighborhood Challenge Grant for two outdoor message centers.

**2. Fire Safe Council Report:**

- Tammy Daubach gave the report.
- Next meeting is March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Jacumba Hot Springs Fire Station. Meetings are now bi-monthly and the last Saturday of the month.
- The new Boulevard Fire Station had their ground breaking on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Fire Safe Council did not receive an invitation.
- No draw down at neighboring wells during pumping.
- A new Sheriff Substation now is number 3 on the list
- Sheriff's Protection Program was held at the Jacumba Highlands Center on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Food was provided.
- Fire Chief John Francois is retiring this November.
- CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Project) removed the information about how many "dark" days the Boulevard Fire Station experienced in the fall of 2013.
- Because the County has to sign the CWPP, as well as Calfire and the County Fire Authority, they did not want the dark days information included. Tammy asked if that information could be added back in the form of an Addendum or attachment. Dave Nissen and Chief Francois both wrote letters saying the dark days happened.
- Dave Nissen stated that the question posed to the District was not if the station was covered 24/7, but rather, is the station covered with career staffing. The answer was it is not always covered with career staffing.
- Chief Francois confirmed that Boulevard had 135 "Dark" days in 2013.



- Lake Morena is permanently staffed with career fire fighters. Jacumba Hot springs had 19 dark days.
- Just because a station is “staffed”, does not mean there is an engineer to drive the trucks. Which is an insurance rating issue?
- SDG&E has their own fire department and are now attending the Fire Safe Council meetings.
- The Soitec report incorrectly states that Boulevard has 27 volunteer fire fighters.

**3. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER MUP: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP):**

- Chair received the document and it will be on next month's agenda.
- 753 acres
- Rough Acres Foundation, another non-profit.
- They are having to do the full EIR (recommended by BPG) at a cost of over \$200,000.00
- An EIR was needed due to cumulative impacts.
- Noland asked if this was also a Dudek project. Not sure yet.

**4. ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:**

- Nothing new to report

**5. SDG&E's NEW 85-ACRE ECO SUBSTATION, 13 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE, AND NEW LARGER BOULEVARD SUBSTATION:**

- Construction is ongoing

**6. MAJOR PRE-APPLICATION: INFIGEN'S 30 MW FOX ACRES SOLAR (PDS2013-MPA-12-012):**

- Nothing new to report. No formal application yet filed.

**7. CHAPMAN RANCH SOLAR PROJECT PROPOSAL:**

- Nothing new to report. No formal application yet filed. Solar Electric Solutions.

**8. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION LINE WILL CONNECT THEIR ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND PROJECT WITH SDG&E'S ECO-SUBSTATION:**

- Nothing new to report. No ruling from Federal Judge on legal challenge.

**9. REPORT ON LAND DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE'S OCTOBER MEETING:**

- Nothing to report

**10. IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:**

- Federal Court hearing on February 20<sup>th</sup> in downtown.

**11. TULE WIND PHASE II:**

- The Chair reported on the Dec 16<sup>th</sup> approval by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs for up to 20 turbines of Ewiiyaapaayp tribal lands.
- They are claiming that Iberdrola is going to apply for an Eagle take permit for golden Eagles. State Lands Commissions still has to approve project components on their land.
- Need new road through BLM lands in McCain Valley or through tribal lands.
- It has been reported to the Chair that the health and sleep quality of residents living nearby the existing turbines has been improving since the turbines have been out of service since the December 16<sup>th</sup> turbine explosion/fire at Infigen's Kumeyaay Wind. They were experiencing much relief from the stress.
- Fuller reported that, as of December 3<sup>rd</sup> David Bittner, eagle expert who was taken to court by the feds, has not turned in eagle data, as required by his probation.

- Noland stated that the main author of the AB32 (reducing green house gases), who claimed to be a Harvard graduate, reportedly got his degree online.
- The whole bill was based on his reports and he was allowed to keep his job despite his false claims regarding his education.
- Chair reported submitting the Dec 16<sup>th</sup> turbine fire and Bittner guilty plea information to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, not knowing the Record of Decision (ROD) had been approved on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The ROD still has not been published in the federal register. How long do they have?

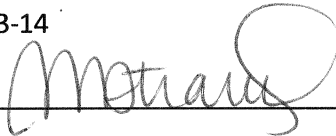
**12. WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT WERE APPROVED IN MAY: CEQA SUIT FILED IN JUNE:**

- The Chair reported that a Court hearing is currently set for April 25, 2014 in state court in San Diego, on the CEQA complaint filed against County approvals.

**G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 PM/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR APRIL 3, 2014:**

Minutes approved by Group on 4-3-14

Michele Strand, Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



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